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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Deborah Gladstein on 2 February 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 13, line 1, please delete "A control program for an image forming device" and insert – A computer program stored on a computer readable medium for an image forming device--.

## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

- 1. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 19 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17 of the current application teaches similar subject matter as the prior art of Jinbo et al. (US 2002/0054330). However, claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17 are allowed for the reasons pointed out by the Applicant's remarks (page 7, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph) and by the Applicant's remarks on the telephonic interview on 18 January 2005. The substance of the interview is as follows: Items discussed were the differences between the subject application and the prior art of Jinbo et al. The subject application teaches identifying the closest portable terminal to an image forming device out of multiple terminals whereas Jinbo et al teach that the image forming device notifies a specific portable

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device of a print job then the distance between that portable terminal containing a specific ID is measured so that the image forming device can control the power. In particular, the applicant feels that the identifying unit stated in claim 1, is not taught by Jinbo et al. The examiner will do a new and updated search and reconsider the arguments set forth by the applicant.

3. Claims 2-4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, and 19 are allowable for being dependent on an allowable base claim

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## **Contact Information**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satwant K. Singh whose telephone number is (571) 272-7468. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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